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Coast Counties Electric Rate Boost Sought

Public hearing will be conducted at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on Wednesday, April 16, by the California State Public Utilities Commission on an application of the Coast Counties Gas & Electric Co. for increases in electric rates.

The company claims a drop in net earnings of more than \$400,000 in the past two years, due to increased costs, mainly of gas. Gas rates cannot go up before August 1.

Parties interested in the hearings may get copies of the CCG&E application by contacting Peter E. Mitchell, Public Utilities Commissioner, Room 526, State Building, San Francisco.

Opposition to the Coast Counties' request for increase, which would affect all of Santa Cruz and San Benito counties and portions of Monterey and Santa Clara counties, is being spearheaded by the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee.

Grace MacDonald, executive secretary of the committee, has prepared a memorandum which sets forth the details of the fight against the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., also asking rate increases, and lines up some of the steps which will be taken to oppose the Coast Counties' petition also.

MONT. PLUMBERS IN NEW OFFICES

Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey has moved into new offices and headquarters in the Carpenters Union Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., in New Monterey.

John Grisin, union business agent, is in charge of the new office. Telephone established for the union is 2-7580.

The office is located in the front portion of the building, just to the right of the main entrance. A meeting hall was partitioned into two offices, one of which is being used by Local 62 and the other to become an executive board room.

Carpenters Visit BTC

Herbert Nelson and Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 were visitors at the Monterey County Building Trades Council meeting last week. Purpose of the visit was not explained. Local 925 is not affiliated with the council.



AFL MAN HONORED—Harold Neiswender (right), member of the AFL Order of Railroad Telegraphers, met President Truman after receiving the "Railroad Man of the Year" award of the Federation for Railway Progress. With them is Robert M. Drysdale, Jr., federation executive vice-president. Neiswender, night ticket agent for the Great Northern Railroad in Spokane, Wash., got the award for his personal project of teaching Spokane school children about railroading. In the past two years, on his own time, he has talked to scores of classes and taken 4000 children on sation tours and train rides. (LPA)

LABORER PACT NEGOTIATIONS START MAR. 26

Negotiations for a new contract between Laborers Unions of northern California and the Associated General Contractors will be started March 26.

Union officials from this area will travel to San Francisco to meet in a group by themselves to lay negotiation plans on March 26 and will then meet with contractor representatives on March 27.

Regular meeting of the Northern California District Council of Laborers, which is handling the union end of the negotiations, has been postponed from March 15 to March 29, in order that the council may meet shortly after negotiations to hear progress reports.

Negotiations for a new contract covering lathers, plasterers, and hod carriers of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties will be held soon, it was announced last week. The Lathers and Plasterers Assn. of Pacific Grove, the Monterey Peninsula Builders Exchange, and Laborers Unions 272 of Salinas, 690 of Monterey and 283 of Santa Cruz have been asked to meet to talk over a new contract.

CANTU TO OPEN CABINET SHOP

Wayne Cantu and his wife, Sister Alice Cantu, have resigned all their offices in Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 so they may have more time to devote to their apartment house and to complete their plans to enter into the cabinet shop business.

Wayne has had a lot of experience in the past as a cabinet maker and he has been getting his tools in condition for the new shop by turning out some excellent pieces of workmanship.

Local 483 and officers wish Wayne and Alice Cantu the very best of success in the ventures.

ROYAL E. HALLMARK,
Sec., Local 483

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Fire-Ball McKinnon Challenges (From Formosa) Knowland

San Diego Congressman Clinton D. McKinnon, fire-ball U.S. Representative with a practically 100 per cent pro-labor record, last week announced he will take on the wealthy young incumbent, W. F. Knowland, now generally known as the "Senator from Formosa" because of his affection and activity for Nationalist China leaders.

"He'd never have taken on the fight if he didn't think he could lick the other boy," said a San Diego LLPE officer following announcement from the peppery, outspoken McKinnon. "You can be sure he didn't jump into this big contest without first sizing up every angle of the thing."

Both national and state labor support for McKinnon appeared certain, since Knowland's voting record is almost 100 per cent pro-Taft and anti-labor.

It is generally expected that Knowland's drive for re-election will be backed by the biggest campaign fund ever dumped into a California senatorial contest. The Democrats will have no such money, but McKinnon will offset that by the sort of tireless, hustling, aggressive and personal crusade that won him his first term in the House.

With the personable, sincere McKinnon bird-dogging up and down the state, right up to the minute the polls close, this promises to be the liveliest and most colorful contest on this year's political fight card.

Big Housing Job Due in King City

Two new housing projects in the King City area are due to be started shortly, according to Wray D. Empie, business agent of Laborers Union 272.

Thirty-five homes are to be built by the Goheen-Travis Co. and another 20 by Contractor Birdo Burk, it was reported.

At Hollister, a \$250,000 lettuce shed project is scheduled for construction in the immediate future and will call union laborers soon, Empie said.

Secret Plan to Kill Price Lids

Warnings were sounded in both houses of Congress that American consumers are about to witness an intensive drive against their pocketbooks. "The campaign is designed to accomplish nothing less than repeal of all price controls, despite the accumulated evidence that the price control law is essential," Rep. Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.) told the House.

He told of secret meetings held in Chicago where representatives of major American businesses and industries, led by the meat industry, blueprinted a plan to force Congress to scrap the Office of Price Stabilization.

HATCHET JOB DENOUNCED

Denouncing what he called the coming "hatchet job," Sen. Blair Moody (D., Mich.) declared: "The idea of a few associations plotting an elaborate and costly campaign to build up public resentment against OPS is just another phase of the same old battle in which certain men would sacrifice—for their own hungry hope for gain—the consuming public, the national interest, and the very structure of the free economy to which they pay frequent lip service."

Rep. Javits pointed out that the meat producers leading this campaign enjoy preferential treatment under the price control program—with meat the highest priced item in the family diet—and that the Agriculture Department estimated cattle feeders are making a profit of \$35 a head against a 10-year average profit of \$23 a head.

The secret campaign came to public attention with the exposure of confidential letters sent by the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Assn. of Chicago to 64 leading business and industry groups all over the country. The letter, calling for secrecy, proposed the outlines of a campaign in which "all branches of business should work together in a well-planned fight."

DELIBERATE SCHEME

The suggested program includes car stickers labeled "OPS MUST GO," extensive radio and newspaper publicity, and public speakers in local communities linking price controls to "British Socialism."

The plan calls for organizing mounting pressure on Congressional committees holding hearings on continuing the price control program, on all members of Congress, and particular attention to be paid to both political conventions in July in an attempt to force both party platforms to include plans to end price controls.

The idea of the campaign was explained in this way: "Every failure, every reduction in production, every distress brought about

by OPS would be brought out . . . Some startling bit of information could be broadcast that would bring resentment against OPS. The deliberate and planned attempt would be to make it as unsavory to the public as was OPA. It would be emphasized and re-emphasized that CONTROLS CUT PRODUCTION AND SHORTAGES IN PRODUCTION BRING HIGH PRICES."

SALINAS CARP. WAITING LIST REVISION DUE

Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas will revise its list of carpenters waiting for employment referrals every Monday morning, and all out of work members must be at the union office on Monday mornings to sign the new lists.

This plan for revision of the waiting list was devised by the union and approved by resolution at the last meeting. The idea is simple and works like this:

On Monday morning (starting next Monday,) Business Manager Harvey Baldwin will call the names, in order, of all members reported out of work.

When a member's name is called, that member will step up and sign a new waiting list. If the member is absent, his name is dropped from the out of work list.

After the names on the waiting list are called, other carpenters in the hall and waiting for jobs may sign the list.

Those who are not present to answer the call on Monday mornings will lose their standing and their place on the waiting list.

Any member who has lost his previous place on the waiting list will be eligible to sign the list at the bottom.

Baldwin said it boils down to this: Members out of work must be at the union office on Monday morning. Any member having questions should contact the union office for further details.

Delegates Off To Carp. Meet; Offices Open

While delegates from Salinas and Monterey carpenter unions are attending the State Council of Carpenters convention in Los Angeles this week-end (March 13-16), offices of the unions will be kept open as usual, it was announced.

Neva Gregory and Natalie Palma, office secretaries for Monterey Local 1323, will handle local business matters while Business Manager Tom Elide, and Delegates Leo Thiltgen and Henry Zimmerman are away.

The office of Salinas Local 925 will continue open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, with Mrs. Margaret Brown, office manager in charge.

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LLPE's Must Meet Convention Dates

(State Fed. Release)

In a communication addressed to all local LLPE leagues, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor League for Political Education, has urged that recommendations for endorsements at the state pre-primary convention of April 7-8 be filed with the state league office by April 1.

Haggerty reminded that it is the exclusive right of the political leagues established by the various central labor bodies of the American Federation of Labor to recommend to the executive council of the California LLPE for endorsement by the convention of candidates for Congress and the State Legislature.

Where candidates may be running for office from a territory embracing at least in part an area covered by more than one local league, it shall be the exclusive right of the area or district league council for endorsement by the convention.

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EXPOSE BACKERS OF MILLIONAIRES' LAW

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has exposed the million-dollar lobbies behind the "millionaires' amendment."

This proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution would limit taxes to 25 per cent of a person's or corporation's income. It would cut the taxes of the rich and of big companies. It would mean higher taxes for working men and women.

The Post-Dispatch, an independent newspaper, revealed that:

1. Pierre S. duPont 3rd, of the E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del., is one of the principal backers of the Western Tax Council, of Chicago, one of the million-dollar lobbies trying to get the amendment adopted.

"I have been trying to help... in any way I can with what connections I have," duPont told the Post-Dispatch.

2. Money raisers for the Western Tax Council pocket 25 to 50 per cent of the funds they collect from the wealthy and corporations. When a businessman or a company hands over a check for \$1,000 to a representative of the Western Tax Council, the solicitor may keep up to \$500.

3. Frank E. Packard of Chicago, head of the Western Tax Council, contemptuously refers to working men and women as "the common herd." The Post-Dispatch quotes Packard as saying that he is "trying to get the common herd excited" about the millionaires' amendment." Packard is a former official of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.

4. Better Business Bureaus throughout the nation have criticized the methods used by the Western Tax Council. Until recently the council kept no records. Even businessmen who supported it did not know what was happening to their money.

5. The late J. A. Arnold, who started the Western Tax Council, was called an unscrupulous promoter by a Senate committee in the 1920s. In 1929, the late Sen. T. H. Caraway (D., Ark.), who was then chairman of a committee investigating lobbies, said Arnold and his associates pocketed at least \$550,000 of the \$1 million they collected from businessmen, ostensibly for lobbying.

"How businessmen of ordinary sagacity can be induced to contribute to Arnold's purposes is entirely inexplicable to your committee," Caraway's group said in an official Senate report.

6. Arnold was fired by the American Taxpayers' Assn., another group lobbying for the "millionaires' amendment," because he pocketed money he had collected for the group.

7. Before starting the campaign

for the "millionaires' amendment," Arnold lobbied in Washington against laws providing for an eight-hour day and against women's suffrage.

The AFL has been one of the leaders in the fight against the "millionaires' amendment." AFL Pres. William Green recently issued another warning, telling state federations of labor to watch out for the amendment.

The Western Tax Council, the American Taxpayers' Assn., and the Committee for Constitutional Government are trying to get 32 state legislatures to urge Congress to call a constitutional convention to approve the "millionaires' amendment."

If 32 legislatures pass such resolutions, Congress must call such a convention. So far 14 states have approved the amendment.

AMA Mixes Politics With Medical Data

"Reactionary political and economic arguments gain acceptance (in the Journal of the American Medical Association) because they are featured along with scientific articles which are rightly accepted as authoritative," reported the Committee for the Nation's Health following a survey of material in the Journal.

"Thus the impression is given, and too frequently taken," said the committee, "that the political line is as valid and accurate as the scientific information."

The committee report showed that of 52 articles on controversial subjects published in the Journal of the AMA last year only four differed from views of the AMA leadership. Of the four, three were brief letters to the editor.

The committee said the AMA party line was reflected in 19 of 22 letters, 14 of 15 articles, 10 of 10 editorials, and in five of five other items.

Controversial issues included such subjects as national health insurance and federal aid for medical education.

FIREMEN RECOGNIZED

Columbus, Ohio (LPA)—For the first time in 32 years, city officials here have agreed to recognize a union as bargaining agent for city firemen on wages, working conditions, and disputes. The union is Local 67, AFL Intl. Assn. of Fire-fighters.

US Loses \$4.5 Billion a Year In Tax Favors to the Wealthy

Washington (LPA)—The federal government loses more than \$4.5 billion a year through tax loopholes which benefit almost exclusively persons with incomes of more than \$10,000. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) stated in a study published by the Public Affairs Institute.

"The story is always the same," he declared. "Higher rates are imposed and at the same time loopholes are carefully framed which permit the wealthy to get out from under the higher taxes. Now, after almost ten years, the loopholes are so many and so large that they are costly. The result is that the average taxpayer is paying taxes that should properly be borne by those who are better able to pay."

Humphrey blamed the 1951 tax loopholes on the conservative element in the Senate which he said showed "favoritism" to business while "turning a deaf ear" to pleas of labor and farm spokesmen who urged closing of the loopholes.

"We cannot afford to let this trend continue," he said. "Nothing is more calculated to sow the seeds of distrust in the democratic processes of government than the knowledge that people and business organizations are able to use their wealth and economic power to gain favored tax treatment."

Humphrey listed six principal loopholes. The largest, he said, is the provision for married couples through which the government loses \$2.5 billion. People with incomes of more than \$5000 get 97 per cent of the benefits of this provision, he said.

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The large turnout anticipated for the regular meeting March 6 was somewhat spoiled by the heavy downpour of rain. However, in spite of this there was a good representation of our membership, and their wives indicated they are interested in this type of meeting. Our next guest night will be at the meeting of June 5.

The importance of the housewife in spending union wages at union houses and those business establishments displaying the union shop card was stressed at this meeting, also the importance of every member of the family being registered and voting.

A very important communication from Teamsters Joint Council 7 was read regarding Section 271.2 of the California Vehicle Code:

"Whereas, the provisions of Section 271.2 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, providing that conviction for violations of the Code on four occasions in a period of one year or six violations in a period of two years or eight violations in a period of three years involving the safe operation of vehicles on the highway shall be presumed to be sufficient ground to revoke the license of the operator, and further provides that convictions of certain specified sections of the Code shall count as double convictions, and

"Whereas, the effect of this section upon drivers of commercial vehicles is to deprive those drivers of their means of livelihood in the event of minor violations of the Vehicle Code which are likely to occur in the course of their occupations and which do not necessarily indicate the negligent operation of the vehicle, and

"Whereas, the automatic operation of Section 271.2 is unfair and unreasonable with respect to the driver of a commercial vehicle and produces an automatic loss of a license rather than suspension or revocation of a license at the discretion of a court,

"Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that we urge the Legislature of the State of California to repeal Section 271.2 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, or in the event that such repeal cannot be effectuated that the section be amended to omit from its operation the driver of a commercial vehicle."

Any driver who has been cited on any of these violations, contact your union office immediately so that we may carry out the resolution submitted by Joint Council 7.

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ecutive Board which was submitted in January regarding 50c penalty for dues not paid by the 15th of the month, \$1 penalty if not paid by the 1st of the following month, was passed almost unanimously. So commencing April 1, if your dues are not paid by April 15 your dues will be \$4; if not paid by May 1, your dues will be \$4.50. So be sure to have your dues paid up promptly by April 1 to avoid this penalty.

Let us make it a point to have our dues paid in conformity with our constitution and by-laws and avoid these penalties. This will give your business agents more time to handle grievances and to spend on organization.

The following contracts are open for negotiations: produce drivers, milk industry, ice industry, long line and turn around, beverage, AGC, and shook industry. Your negotiating committee is attending a special meeting in Oakland on Tuesday, March 11, to bring back a recommendation regarding negotiations in the canning and frozen foods industry. Members employed in the above divisions will be notified very shortly to attend special meetings so that you will hear a report of these negotiations.

Teamsters Local 890 has the highest praise for John Cohan, chairman of the Salinas Valley Red Cross, for the grand job done in making the quota for this valley in eight hours. We thank our members for their very fine support in this drive. It just goes to show what can be accomplished when a community works together for the common good. Let's strive to do the same thing for our union—all working together for the good of each and every member.

BLOOD BANK

The following members donated to the Red Cross Blood Bank on Monday, March 3: Clarence Horton, Jay Mills, Harold Rehn, Ray Barton, F. C. Wolcott, Earl Randolph and Ed Moe. Thanks, fellows!

Anyone else willing to help save a life is asked to sign a pledge card at your union office. The life you save may be that of a loved one—your son, your daughter—or possibly your own.

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State Federation Announces 1952 Scholarship Bid

(State Fed. Release)

Announcement of the second annual state AFL scholarship contest was made last week to all high schools in California and Hawaii.

The Hawaiian Islands were included in the 1952 contest by vote of the last convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Three college scholarship awards of \$500 each are being offered to senior students in California and Hawaii planning to attend a college or university upon completion of high school work.

Seniors graduating in May or June of this year are eligible, and no distinctions will be made as to sex, color, or creed.

Students from public, private, or parochial schools are eligible to participate in the contest.

Awards will be made to each of three candidates on the basis of the candidate's score in the special examination and also on the overall four-year high school record. A check for \$500 will be deposited in the student's name at the college chosen by the winner.

Bulletin board announcements were mailed to all high school principals, county and district superintendents in California and Hawaii together with application forms for interested students.

A two-hour examination will be held Friday, May 2, in every high school where students have filed. Application forms must be filed in the Federation office by April 1.

The scholarship committee of judges will consist of three professional educators: Frederick A. Breier, assistant professor of Economics, University of San Francisco; Vaughn D. Seidel, Alameda County superintendent of schools, and Edgar L. Warren, director, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Los Angeles.

Fed. Article Tells 1951 Price Steal

(State Fed. Release)

A follow-up review of the present federal price program featured the eighth in a series of economic analyses issued by the California State Federation of Labor.

The March article completed a price control review begun in January under the Federation series, "Your Economics and Mine."

Among points of criticism listed was labor's disappointment with the failure of the Office of Price Stabilization to roll back prices early in 1951 when requested to do so by organized worker and consumer groups.

Labor's plea for a roll-back was founded on the fact that the purchasing power of the worker had faded 10 per cent between June of 1950 and January of 1951. A roll-back of 10 per cent would have restored the not extravagant purchasing power of mid-1950. The OPS, however, ignored the labor position, and actually established ceilings for many articles much higher than the prevailing market prices.

FDA Considers Banning Sale of Chickens Fattened by Hormones

Washington (LPA)—An investigation is being conducted by the Food & Drug Administration to determine if sale of chickens fattened by synthetic female sex hormones should be stopped. In the past few months a House investigating committee has seized thousands of pounds of poultry, mostly in the New York City area, which contained unabsorbed pieces of hormone pellets.

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The Wall Street Journal recently used some 2000 words in describing planning by 3 big aluminum companies—Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., Aluminum Co. of America, and Reynolds Metals Co.

"These planning attempts by the big aluminum companies are principally long-range," says the Journal.

But the same Wall Street Journal—along with the Hearst and McCormick papers, and Big Business in general—use their bitterest sarcasm for men in government who attempt to plan ahead. Anyone in Washington who tries to outline programs to improve the lot of the workingman or to avoid a depression is "starry-eyed," "leftist," or a "professional liberal."

Indeed, the Wall Street Journal itself likes to use the word "planner" in such a way as to make the reader think a man who plans doesn't know which end is up. That is, if he is trying to figure out how more people can enjoy the fruits of the American production tree.

Why is it all right for corporations to plan how to get wealthy, but disgraceful for your government to plan how to control runaway prices or get more houses built?

Getting Them to Vote

Only half of the young people just reaching 21 plan to vote this year, according to a survey published by McCall's magazine.

The study shows once again what a hard job trade union and political league leaders face in getting people registered and to the polls.

Only 57 per cent of men first voters now plan to go to the polls, and only 39 per cent of women first voters.

McCall's survey also shows that newspapers influence first voters more than any other medium.

Most newspapers are reactionary and play up news of reactionary candidates for office.

To get the facts and means of action, trade unionists should write Labor's League for Political Education in Washington, D. C., for campaign material.

This year is a critical one politically, especially for workingmen. Another reactionary Congress can take the bread right out of their mouths through unfair taxes and high prices.

The answer is to make workers and their families realize that it makes a big difference who is elected, that voting is not much trouble and that everyone has to be registered before he can go to the polls.

In 1948, 43 million Americans failed to vote. That sorry record must not be repeated in 1952—either from the standpoint of protecting labor's hard-fought rights or from the standpoint of good citizenship.

Crocodile Tears

The Committee for Constitutional Government, the American Taxpayers' Association and other outfits backed by the wealthy, fill the air with anguished cries over the government debt. They say the debt hurts people who put their money in bonds, insurance policies, and banks.

Those same groups now are trying to put through an amendment to the Constitution which would limit taxes to 25 per cent of income. What would that do to the debt? And what would it mean to people who save for the rainy day?

Here is the answer as supplied by the staffs of the Joint Congressional Economic and the House Small Business Committees who thoroughly studied the proposed amendment:

"In view of the difficulty of recapturing the entire revenue loss (of \$16 billion) the Federal government would probably be forced to borrow to meet current expenses. This would mean an increased public debt. In time, this would increase interest charges substantially above the present \$6 billion annual level and would make it increasingly difficult to balance the federal budget.

"The federal credit might be impaired substantially by the continuation of such a trend of increased borrowing and reduced powers of taxation. Ultimately, tax limitation would work to the disadvantage of bondholders, insurance policyholders, bank depositors, and other groups of thrifty Americans."

Are supporters of the "millionaires' amendment" really worried about the national debt and thrifty people? Or are they simply interested in tax savings for wealthy people and corporations.



More Gravy for the \$\$\$ Boys . . .

The "Millionaires' Amendment," disguised as a plan to limit income taxes to 25 percent of income, has been passed by the Virginia State Legislature. It is being promoted by wealthy individuals and corporations who stand to benefit by it. Congressional experts say if it is passed, the government would be forced to levy a sales tax to secure enough income. They brand the "Millionaires' Amendment" a device to shift the tax burden from the rich to the poor.

Scrapping the Over-Age . . .

Year after year, Congress talks about helping millions of unfortunate people who can't find a job because they are over 45. Each year Congress does nothing. Yet Congress is living proof that age is no bar to performance for pay. Thirty members of Congress are over 65. To private industry they would be unacceptable, but on the public payroll they work year after year . . . with pensions, free medical care and other added attractions.

He Deserves Our Thanks . . .

"Dear Mr. Edwards: I heard you broadcast the story about some little children in Putney, W. Va., who need food and clothes. Recently, I received a check from the government for \$22 in connection with my son who died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. I would like to forward this check to these hungry children in memory of my boy. Signed, Mr. Ralph Bogue, Mt. Hermon, Mass."

Why Not?

Two members of Congress have come out in support of a constructive proposal. Rep. Richard Bolling (D., Mo.) of Kansas City, suggests that the President's clean-up man, Newbold Morris, send questionnaires to all members of Congress inquiring into their finances. Republican Senator William Langer of North Dakota, thinks it's a good idea . . . wants to be the first to fill out the questionnaire.

JOKES, Etc.

Eying the Presidential pre-election dope, Joseph X. Paup, that gentleman of leisure and frequent of free lunch counters, says he probably won't run this year on the 13th party platform. "Just think," said Joe, "if I should be elected I'd be really getting ahead in this world—then think of the tax troubles I'd have."

"I have a confession to make to you," said the man. "I'm married." "Gawsh," replied the gal, "you scared me for a minute. I thought you were going to say this car wasn't yours."

Uncle Remus says that conscience gets a lot of credit that belongs to cold feet.

The surly old miser fell ill, and in a panic sent for the local clergyman, although he had never done anything to help the parish.

"If I leave \$5,000 to the church," he croaked, "will my salvation be assured?"

"I wouldn't be certain," replied the clergyman, "but it's well worth trying."

Teacher to student who is half an hour late to school: "You should have been here at 9 o'clock."

Tardy student: "Why? What happened?"

"I tell you," he said, "I always act like a gentleman when I'm full of liquor."

"Then hurry up and get drunk," said the girl.

Carpenter Pete comments that the woman who strokes your hair is frequently after your scalp.

The young attorney was arguing his first case in court. He said: "Gentlemen of the jury, there are 24 hogs involved in this case—just exactly twice the number in the jury box."

Neighbor Jones says that a man is incomplete until he marries and then he's really finished.

Mr. Spriggins (gently): "My dear, a man was shot at by a burglar, and his life was saved by a button on his coat which the bullet struck."

Mrs. Spriggins: "Well, what of it?"

"Nothing, only the button must have been on."

"She's a nicely reared girl," observed the son to his dad, speaking of a new girl friend.

"I'll say," replied the father. "And she's not bad from the front, either."

Gal called on absent-minded professor and said: "Remember me? Years ago you asked me to marry you."

Absent-minded professor: "Ah, yes, yes. And did you?"

Turly Barnes seems like a deep thinker but his train of thought is usually a string of empties.

The things that women can make the most out of nothing are a hat, a salad, and a quarrel.

Which reminds us that the hardest thing to give is in.

Texas Unions Buy 3rd Insurance Firm

Dallas (LPA)—Texas AFL unions and their members have purchased 73 per cent of outstanding stock of the Continental Fire & Casualty Insurance Co. They previously took over Insurance Co. of Texas and Life Insurance Co. of Texas.

New officers of Continental include William J. Harris and Paul C. Sparks, president and secretary of the Texas State Federation of Labor. Its assets as of Dec. 1 were \$1,140,089 with \$250,000 capital and \$251,468 in surplus. Insurance Co. of Texas' assets were \$1,789,370, with \$400,000 capital and surplus of \$301,295.



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2430.

Eligibility for receipt of social security benefits is based in part upon the number of "quarters of coverage" on a worker's wage record upon retirement at 65 or later, or at death, if earlier. Under the new social security law, those who are 65 or older now or who become 65 before July 1, 1954 (or who died between Sept. 1, 1950 and July 1, 1954), need only six "quarters of coverage" to qualify. And these "quarters" may have been earned at any time after 1936.

In other instances, the "quarters of coverage" requirement is met if the wage earner has at least one "quarter of coverage" for each two calendar quarters elapsing between Jan. 1, 1951 (or the quarter after attainment of age 21, if later), and the quarter in which age 65 is reached or the quarter of death, if earlier. The requirement also is met if at least 40 "quarters of coverage" have been earned since 1936.

A "quarter of coverage" is any calendar quarter after 1936 in which the worker receives at least \$50 in wages in social security covered employment (or in which, after 1950, a self-employed person is credited with at least \$100 in self-employment earnings). Under certain conditions, it is also possible for a veteran of World War II to receive "quarters of coverage" credit for time spent in the armed services. Calendar quarters begin each year on the first day of January, April, July, and October.

The new formula upon which old age and survivors insurance payments may be figured if the worker has at least six "quarters of coverage" in employment after 1950 is based on his "average monthly wage" computed on social security covered employment and total elapsed months since Jan. 1, 1951. The new formula grants the worker social security benefits consisting of 50 per cent of the first \$100 of his "average monthly wage" plus 15 per cent of the remainder.

In no case will the "average monthly wage" advance beyond \$300 since under the new social security law only the first \$3,600 of earnings in "covered" employment or self-employment in a single year is credited to the worker's social security account.

Thus, \$80 per month is the highest retirement insurance benefit that will become payable under the new formula to a retired worker. His wife, at age 65, may qualify for one-half of the husband's payment, resulting in a maximum of \$120 per month for the couple in this instance.

The top payment on any wage earner's record is set at \$150 per month or an amount equalling 80 per cent of his average monthly wage if that is less.

Catholic Author Hits McCarthyism

New York (LPA)—"You may be prepared to take on Stalin, but not McCarthyism," Graham Greene declared at a reception here Feb. 20. He spoke after receiving the 1952 Catholic Literary Award for fiction for his latest novel, "The End of the Affair."

Greene said he found Los Angeles in "a reign of terror," with Hollywood's film studios taking "extra measures toward anyone under the threat of McCarthyism," anyone of "liberal tendencies," and anyone linked with a left-wing movement. "People seem to be completely at the mercy of the man," said Greene.



NOT FOR HER — Patrice Wy- more, movie star, has decided to leave the fashionable "poodle-cut" hair-do to Peat, her pet poodle. We think she looks okay as is, too.—(LPA)

Meat Industry Conspiring to Scrap OPS

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Your Association wants to get rid of OPS and price controls.

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All of the different Associations and Organizations, embracing many millions of members and practically every branch of industry, North, South, East, and West, as listed on the enclosed sheet to which this invitation is being sent, want to get rid of OPS and price controls.

All are doing excellent work individually. Various groups within industries, such as the National Livestock and Meat Industry Conference Group are doing most excellent work. By all means it must be continued.

But this is bigger than just Livestock. And in some phases at least, ALL branches of business should WORK TOGETHER in a well-planned fight

An idea for such a fight is given on the enclosed memo. This idea can be modified according to the judgement of those joining in to make that fight.

If you like the idea of making a well-planned fight, if you are willing to work WITH other organizations yet retain your own identity, then PLEASE ATTEND A MEETING AT CHICAGO ON FEBRUARY 26th. This will be a confidential meeting without publicity.

And please come prepared for action. The time is short. This association is prepared to place \$1,000 into a fund to carry on a united, well-planned campaign. United, we believe there is better than a 50-50 chance to win.

Will you stand up and be counted?

Let's hear from you -- favorably!

Cordially yours,
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CORN BELT LIVESTOCK FEEDERS ASSOCIATION

This photostatic copy of a letter sent out by the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association shows very plainly the conspiracy going on in meat and allied industries to scrap OPS and price controls.

Unions Best Salesmen of Democracy

Washington (LPA)—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told Congress that American labor unions are the best and "most effective" salesmen of democracy. In his annual report to Capitol

Hill—this year's titled "Mobilized Labor for Defense"—Tobin praised both labor and management for their "sacrifices" made in support of the government's defense program. His highest compliments, however, went to labor:

"American trade unions," he said, "have been the nation's most effective salesmen of the democratic way of life as the best hope of human freedom and a rising standard of living the world over."

Tobin credited the government with much progress in the past 20 years towards the goal of "insuring mass purchasing power" for a continuing expanding economy. He said this had been done by federal encouragement of collective bargaining, establishment of old-age pensions and unemployment insurance, minimum wage laws, prohibition of child labor, and price supports for farmers. He said much still must be done, and emphasized the need for training apprentices, older workers, and the handicapped for useful employment.

Union Protest Gets Results On Pamphlets

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Indianapolis, Ind.—The Indianapolis Central Labor Union protest against distribution of misleading pamphlets in the city schools got results.

Following the protest against a circular attacking the city public housing program, given to children at School 34, to be turned over to parents, the president of the board of school commissioners, Grier M. Shotwell, said the distribution was unauthorized.

"Notice was sent by the principal of School 34 to all parents and patrons of the school," said Shotwell, "that the communication from the PTA had been distributed without due consideration of rules of the Board of School Commissioners. These rules prohibit such distribution unless authorized by the General Superintendent of Education."

"The General Superintendent has also called attention of all principals to the applicable provisions of the rules, to avoid a similar oversight in any other case."

AGC branch offices have reprints, at a dime each, of 14 sections of the AGC "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction."

Court Opens Way for Another Tax Loophole

Los Angeles (LPA)—A tax ruling by U.S. Judge Leon R. Yankwich has opened the gates wide for another tax loophole running into the billions—for people with big dough and smart lawyers.

Yankwich has ruled that corporate income could not be taxed as personal income under any circumstances. He made the ruling in the suit of F. Hugh Herbert, playwright, and his wife, Mary, for return of \$198,515 in personal income tax.

The Herberts formed a corporation in 1944 to produce the film "Kiss and Tell," dissolved the corporation, and paid a 25 per cent capital gains tax. The Internal Revenue Bureau said such corporations do not qualify under the capital gains provisions and made the Herberts fork over \$198,515 more. The Herberts sued.

Since the Yankwich decision affects scores of Hollywood producers and thousands of business men, the Treasury Department is expected to appeal, all the way up to the Supreme Court. Under the ruling, a businessman can form a corporation for a single transaction and escape a personal income tax.

Eye Care Center For Union Members Is Paying Off

Chicago (LPA)—The cooperative Union Eye Care Center, in the first eight weeks of operation, found 20 patients who had eye disease serious enough to lead to total blindness if undetected. Every one of them had no idea there was anything wrong with his eyes.

The co-op has 60,000 owner-users. It is a private plan for 38 AFL and CIO local unions. In its first eight weeks the center was used by 1,060 patients, who visited the center 2,241 times. They got complete medical eye examinations, have the use of a modern optical shop where glasses are sold at fixed prices approved by the directors, all union members.

'Use Labor Men as Our Ambassadors'

Princeton, N.J. (LPA)—"Work shirt diplomats" are needed to represent the U.S. properly instead of men who "rise to ambassadors through business and political influence without regard to their background of rapacity and greediness," James B. Carey, CIO leader, told the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at the university here.

"The people of the world are workers; the governments of most

European countries are labor governments," he said. "But we send as our representatives men whose principal association with the local population is through a household of servants."

"American labor has a special knowledge of a problem that confronts many of our allies today—the threat of Communist subversion and aggression. It has been besieged by the Communist, who realize that a stronghold in labor is a sure way to control or cripple that nation's productive capacity. But American labor has wiped out most beachheads of the Communists in the labor movement."

"It is largely organized labor that has made it possible for this country to boast of the effectiveness of the free enterprise system. The free enterprise propagandists shout about their own contributions, but it is noteworthy that they resisted every effort by organized labor to improve the working man's economic and social standing."

Clerks Office Open All Day

Offices and headquarters of Retail Clerks Union 829 of Monterey County, located in the Gilkburg Building in Salinas, are being kept open all day once again as a convenience to members of the union.

Secretary Garolf F. Miller of the union said Miss Mildred McCormick has been employed as office girl. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Shop With Ease in ... Valley Center

Building Projects OK'd

Nearly \$10 million in building projects for northern California, some of them previously denied, have been approved by the National Production Authority. Largest is St. Mary's Square underground garage, at \$2,287,200. Also included are 13 city water and sewer projects at \$4,271,000, 12 church projects at \$2,257,000, and a clinic for the Dept. of Public Works at Sacramento, \$1,485,000.



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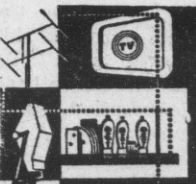
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Less Talk 'N' More Action



U.S. OK's Start on \$218 Million Worth Of Construction

Washington (LPA)—The Government has taken three steps to ease controls. The National Production Authority has approved a start on \$218 million worth of 645 long-deferred community construction projects; has withdrawn its proposed limitation of one and a half bathrooms in each new house; has said it would consider at once channeling more aluminum into civilian products.

Secy. of Commerce Sawyer said work may be resumed on all types of partially-constructed buildings hitherto held up by the defense program. He said he expected de-control of materials to "accelerate as the months go on."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said there will be 400,000 fewer construction jobs available this year, but that the industry will still need two million workers a month. BLS predicted private construction will provide an average of 1,375,000 to 1,400,000 jobs—the smallest figure since 1946.

Rising unemployment increased relief rolls in New York by 2,899 in January.

Department store sales in the week ended Feb. 22 were six per cent under the same week a year ago. The wholesale food price index in the same week went up three cents.

Ellis Arnall, new price stabilizer, promised to lift price ceilings "as fast as it can be done safely," but made it clear he believes prices would go up immediately on most products if ceilings were removed now.

Tag 284 Salmon

Marine biologists of the California Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the Golden Gate Sportfishers and the Tyee Club, have wound up another annual Tag Day with a score of 284 salmon caught, tagged and released in the Pacific off the Golden Gate.

The 1952 expedition was split into two days, Feb. 14 and 21, with another 60 boat days volunteered by the Sportfishers for the rest of the year. Skippers donate their time and equipment to the tagging trips each year.

Sixty anglers on 10 party boats hooked 146 fish on Feb. 14 and 138 fish a week later. The 1950 record was a total of 365 salmon tagged by 100 anglers on 20 boats.

Labor Press Should Be A Crusader

Madison, Wis. (LPA)—Interest in local news, the crusading touch, a good balance of national news, and a good professionally-trained editor were recommended to mid-west labor editors meeting here as the elements necessary for a successful labor newspaper.

"Putting out a labor paper isn't a scissors and pastepot job," Ruben Levin of Washington told editors from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin who attended a conference March 1-2 sponsored by the University of Wisconsin's School for Workers and School of Journalism. Levin is acting editor of Labor, weekly paper of 15 railroad brotherhoods, and president of Labor Press Associated.

"A labor editor should be ever on the alert to expose grafting and crookedness; to fight the greed of selfish interests and to battle for the welfare of the lowly against the powerful," he said.

He disagreed with newspapermen and journalism teachers who insist the labor press should be more objective. "So long as the labor movement must still in many areas fight for a place in the sun, the labor press must help lead such battles and pass the ammunition," he said. "If you keep fighting, you will be criticized as one-sided but even the critics will read your paper, if it hits hard and never sinks into dullness or insipidity."

Labor editors have a particularly great opportunity in monopoly newspaper cities where the daily paper presents only one side of the news, Levin said. "By swinging into civic issues, battling against political corruption, fighting for local improvements," he declared, "the labor paper in such communities can build up a readership among people outside the trade union movement. In such cities the labor paper should be alert to publish the news which the daily paper suppresses."

28 YEARS SERVICE

East Liverpool, Ohio (LPA)—Following his latest installation, after 28 years service as financial secretary-treasurer, members of Local 29, Brotherhood of Operative Potters, gave a surprise party for Harry Brindley. The date coincided with that on which he joined the AFL union in 1913.

Proposed Probe Of WSB Called Anti-Union 'Club'

Washington (LPA)—A proposed Congressional investigation of the Wage Stabilization Board was denounced by Rep. Ray J. Madden (D., Ind.) Feb. 27 in the House.

"The purpose of the resolution is crystal clear," Madden said. "It is intended as a congressional club to be used against the Wage Stabilization Board on the union shop issue now pending before the board in the steel wage case. It seeks to use the Congress of the United States as an ally of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Committee for Constitutional Government, and the barons of the steel industry in their current high-financed, nation-wide campaign directed against a possible recommendation for the union shop by the board."

Madden commended the Steelworkers union for its "patience and forbearance" in postponing a scheduled strike "despite the campaign of vilification conducted against it by the steel industry and its cohorts."

Pointing out that Congress just last year "amended the Taft-Hartley act by eliminating the need for elections to authorize a union shop," Madden declared that no one can "in good faith contend that a union shop recommendation by WSB would be a violation of national labor policy."

Madden said "legitimate" congressional investigations of government agencies "based on specific charges of corruption, fraud or maladministration are always in order, and I would not be one to oppose such investigations. I do object, however, vigorously and emphatically, when this House is called upon to approve an investigation by one of its committees of an agency of the government where the obvious purpose of such investigation is made at a time when the welfare and well-being of hundreds of thousands of American workers and their families are involved in a major case currently pending before that agency."

DAY'S PAY TO POLIO

St. Louis (LPA)—The 1400 members of the AFL Bricklayers Local 1 of Missouri were working for the March of Dimes Friday, Feb. 29. All their pay for the day went to fight infantile paralysis, and the employers matched the sum. In 1951 the joint donation came to \$32,000 and in 1950 to \$17,000.

HIGH COURT OK'S TIME OFF TO VOTE

(State Fed. Release)

A long championed labor position was sustained this week by the United States Supreme Court when it upheld a Missouri law which requires employers to give their workers four hours off with pay on election day.

The court was told 24 other states have similar laws, although not all of them require that workers be paid for the time taken off to vote.

The Missouri law says voters must be excused from work for a four-hour period between the time of opening and closing of the polls; permits the employer to specify the four-hour period; says employees may not be docked for absence during that period, and provides a fine of up to \$500 for offending employers.

A bitter legislative battle in Sacramento was waged during the 1951 general session as the employer lobbies sought to emasculate the California law which permits two hours off from work to vote on election day.

The bill crippling the California law was passed by both Assembly and Senate but vetoed by Governor Warren at the request of the California State Federation of Labor.

Cut the High Cost of Dying

St. Louis (LPA)—Leaders of six AFL and CIO unions here are considering action to reduce funeral costs. Joseph Kirby, of the AFL Upholsterers, and business agent of the Casket Workers, was named chairman of the committee. Other unions represented were AFL Teamsters, Machinists, and the CIO Communications Workers and Chemical Workers.

Kirby said average cost of a funeral here is \$825. Union-owned

establishments in nearby coal towns where the United Mine Workers are strong charge an average of \$550. The committee is considering setting up a funeral co-op, or working out agreements with existing establishments.

The Cooperative League of the USA recently asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate funeral costs. Jerry Voorhis, Co-op League executive secretary, told the FTC that in Detroit the cost of a funeral is 3.8 times the cost of the casket. The CIO United Auto Workers in Detroit has an arrangement with some undertakers that saves an average of \$369 per funeral.

The FTC at first voted down an investigation of the burial industry, then changed its mind. John Carson of the FTC revealed the FTC has conducted a secret probe of the burial business for six to eight years.

138 Coyotes, 89 Bobcats

A total of 870 predatory enemies of wildlife were taken by State hunter-trappers during January, the California Department of Fish and Game reports.

The monthly bag of varmints included 138 coyotes, 89 bobcats, 229 skunks and two mountain lions.

Thirty-eight of the coyotes were taken in San Diego County by Trapper James Woolford of Ramona, and 13 were downed in San Luis Obispo County by Trapper Walter H. Frazier.

The two mountain lions were taken by Hunter Lyle Simpson in Glenn County.

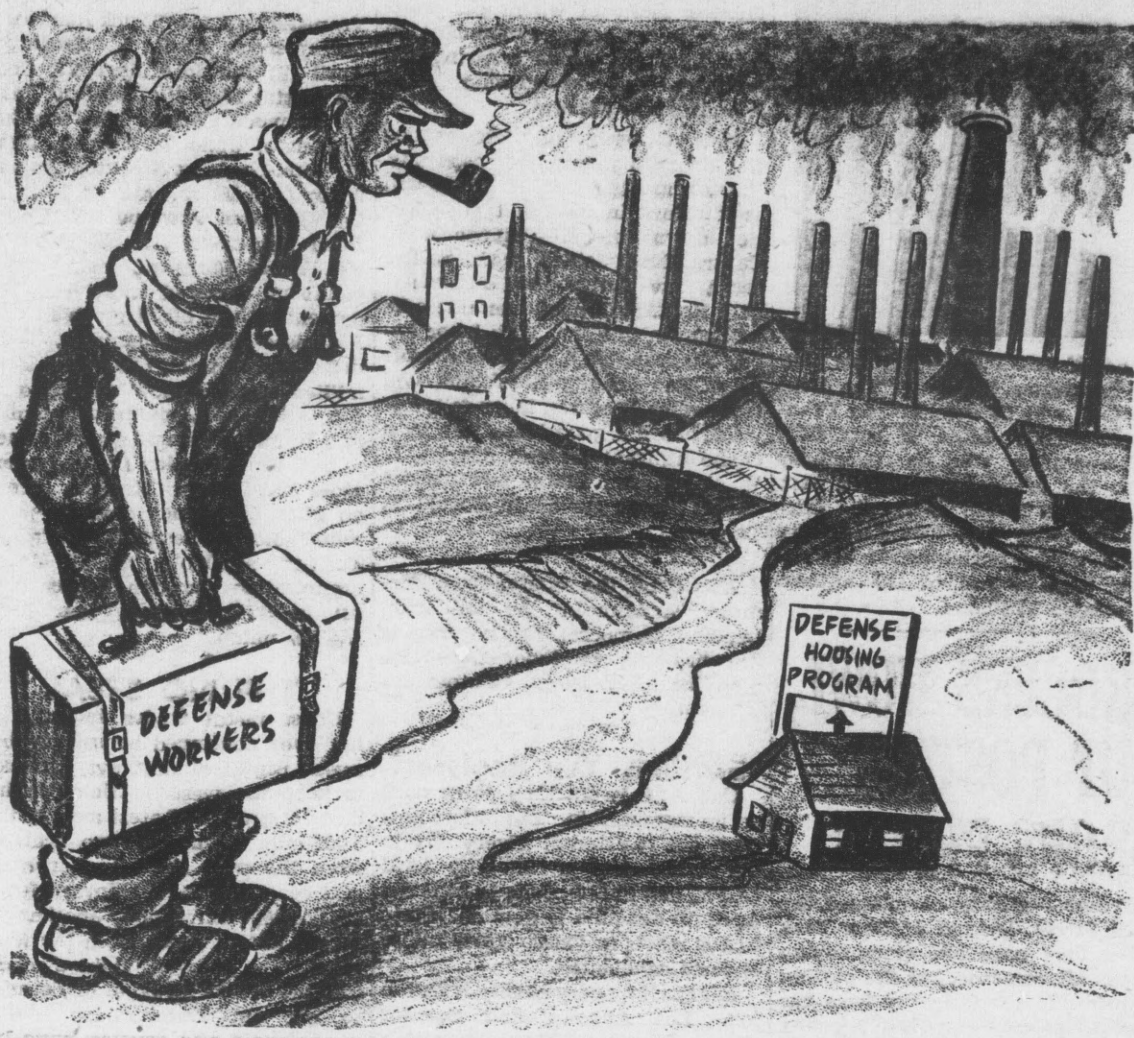
No matter how small it is, do something for your union regularly.



AFL-CIO BOWLERS MEET—George Haberman (left); Wisconsin AFL president, and Ted Kurtz (right), Wisconsin CIO secretary-treasurer, opened the sixth annual AFL-CIO Bowling Tournament in Kenosha, Wis. Entered were 128 five-man teams and 58 doubles and singles combinations. In the background are (left to right): Paul White, Kenosha AFL president; Alice Keating and Bob Knight, tournament co-chairman; George Benefiel, Auto Mechanics Local 173, and Jack Beni, Kenosha CIO head. (LPA)

Patronize these Merchants In Monterey County

The House That Congress Built



Churches Backing Calif. Farm Union

(State Fed. Release)

Increased church, civic and professional group support for the agricultural workers of California was reported to the National Farm Labor Union's San Joaquin Valley Council which met March 2nd in Bakersfield.

The optimistic opinion came from two of the union's spokesmen at the recent hearings of the U. S. Senate subcommittee, Dr. Ernest Galarza and Mr. Hugh C. Williams.

The officers brought from Washington a tape recording of the Senate hearings, made by a radio station there. It will be played at local union meetings and made available to other organizations.

The Valley Council also condemned the Associated Farmer suggestion that Koreans be imported to work on California's farms, calling it an act of irresponsibility equal to their opposition to

unemployment insurance for farm workers.

The farm labor union delegates also approved a draft of a contract, which, when signed by individual growers and locals of the union, provides in its first section that "the employer and the union agree that the supply of skilled and responsible agricultural workers at the time of need is a problem of concern to both parties and agree to cooperate to solve this problem in a manner which will add most to the prosperity of this community and the strength of America."

William Becker, president of the NFLU Valley Council, reported that 55 delegates present at the Sunday meeting represented 19 of the union's locals.

Use of Fish Nets Draws Heavy Penalty

One of the largest fines on record for illegal fyke net fishing has been handed two Stockton fishermen by Judge Barry McDermott. In a recent court action brought by the California Department of Fish and Game, the following combined sentence was imposed: \$1500 in fines; 60 days in jail; confiscation of boat used in illegal fishing; confiscation of 2000 pounds of catfish; confiscation of 35 fyke nets valued at \$1750.

The two fishermen, Edrick Davidson of Stockton, and Floyd S. Blakeley of Bacon Island, had been under observation by state wardens for more than a year. Arrests were made by Wardens Al Doreo, John Roumasset and C. L. Brown, and Captain Glenn Whitesell.

Plan Fake Meat Shortage to Kill Price Controls

Chicago (LPA)—A summer meat shortage was threatened as more than 150 industrialists met in "secret" here to launch a "smart," well-heeled campaign to kill price controls.

Chauncey B. Watson, president of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association, said high corn prices were causing many feeders to send their animals to market at light weights and still others were feeding their animals almost exclusively on grass, making for "inferior" meat. He said a meat shortage could be expected by July, when current feed grain surpluses are gone.

An unidentified speaker at the "secret" meeting agreed there would be a meat shortage. But he didn't say it would be caused by a shortage of animals or grain. He admitted it would be a fake shortage to "scale Congress into dropping OPS" and added that "if final action doesn't come from Congress in June, it certainly will come from the people in November."

Livestock feeders used the same scare techniques in 1946 to kill OPA. Together with other industrialists and businessmen, they carried on a continuing campaign designed to convince consumers that all shortages were caused by price controls.

Watson started the new campaign at the beginning of the year. At that time, he wrote leading businessmen and trade associations all over the country that: "You want to get rid of OPS and price controls. We want to get rid of OPS and price controls. Isn't it wise for all of us to work together?"

UNIONIST DECORATED

Washington (LPA)—A member of the Newspaper Guild as is his father, Jeremiah A. O'Leary Jr. has been decorated with the Legion of Merit, only junior Marine officer to be so distinguished. He served in Korea as public information officer of the First Marine Division with the rank of lieutenant.

Life in these United States: Worrying about one's health one minute and passing a car on a curve at 85 the next.

FAKE SHORTAGES PLANNED IN DRIVE TO KILL CONTROLS

Chicago (LPA)—More than 150 industrialists, meeting in "secret" session Feb. 28, drafted a well-heeled campaign to kill price controls. The plan calls for creating shortages—including a summer meat famine—and then blame price controls for consumer hardships. The NAM and U. S. Chamber of Commerce conducted a similar and successful campaign against OPA in 1946, and the cost of living skyrocketed. The newest plan is the brainchild of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association, which told businessmen in a "confidential" letter that more "public suffering" was needed to "scare Congress into dropping controls."

Finnish Seamen Vote To Keep Freedom

Helsinki.—Finnish seamen delivered a knockout blow to communism by voting 2135 to 99 for the traditional union policy of political neutrality and independence over the small communist minority which has been unsuccessfully trying to disrupt the union. The vote was more conclusive be-

cause the commies were estimated to be able to poll 10 per cent of the votes. Instead they garnered only 4.19 per cent.

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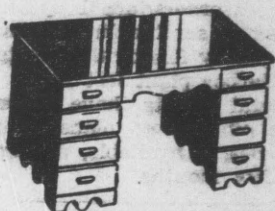
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Labor News

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Govt. Responds To 1500 Letters On Fish Purchase

Letters of acknowledgment are being received from government agencies and from Congressman Bramblett in reply to some 1500 individual requests that the government purchase fish from Monterey plants to boost the industry.

Union officials said that the letters are believed to have topped 1500. They ask for a government program for fish purchases in the next few years to provide new impetus for the industry, which has been having poor sardine seasons in past years.

Meanwhile, only work on Cannery Row last week was in the California Packing Corp. plant, where two shifts of men and women workers are busy in the salvage of sardines in warehouses damaged by fire at the Westgate-Sun Harbor plant last year.

Several plants have informed union officials of plans to pack anchovies, if available, during the next few months.

Barbers 827 Meet In Salinas Tues.

Regular monthly meeting of Barbers Union 827 of Salinas will be held next Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Salinas Labor Temple, according to Secretary-Treasurer Jimmie Butler.

All members of Local 827 were reported as working. Leroy Rogers has transferred to Local 252 of San Jose, where he purchased a barber and beauty shop. He formerly was partner in the Crystal Barber Shop in Salinas.

Legion Invites Union Members

Members of labor unions who are war veterans are urged to join the Cecil M. Anderson Post, American Legion, which meets Thursday night at Salinas Air Base. Membership can be arranged by contacting Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827, at 418 Monterey St., Salinas.

The Legion Post will select two directors at Thursday night's meeting. A smoker is planned March 20 for paid up members.

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Fresno: Only 37% Register

Fresno.—In the midst of a registration drive, the Fresno Labor Council conducted a spot check and learned that only 37 per cent are eligible to vote.

Secretary Chet Cary told a special meeting of union secretaries and business agents that "Our job is to protect unions from destruction. There is no value to selling union members on voting for labor-endorsed candidates if they are not registered." He pointed out that there are 24 sections of the Taft-Hartley law, not yet used, which can be employed to wreck unions. Also cited were 75 union-busting bills introduced at the last session of the California legislature, which were sidetracked with the greatest difficulty.

Said one leader, summing up the thoughts of others present: "Such meetings as this may well be the last rites of the free labor movement if we get fat, lazy, and soft in the head regarding need for political activity in behalf of labor's friends."

Alaska Job Warning

George Davis, president, and Margaret Gordon, secretary, of the Fairbanks, Alaska, Central Labor Council, in San Francisco for a rental meeting last week, warned that this is a poor time of year to seek jobs in Alaska. Wages, measured by what you can buy, are not as high as in San Francisco, Davis said. Workers should check with their unions or the U. S. Employment Service before starting out and should have \$500 to last them till they find a job, and that's during the busy season, June 1 to Oct. 1. At present the ground is frozen and activity is at a standstill. Most jobs that come up are on military or housing.

Salinas Names Pub. Works Head

Harris Munger Jr., registered engineer of Walnut Creek and Modesto, has been named director of public works for the city of Salinas, it was reported last week.

Munger is no stranger to Salinas, having devoted much time some years ago to study of the Salinas sewage treatment plant, and its operation.

Ord Project Awaits Weather

Start of heavy construction activity on the new Fort Ord permanent barracks project will be some time this week, if weather allows.

Union officials in the Monterey area said they had been alerted to expect a call for a number of men for the \$12,000,000 project, on which the Del E. Webb Co. of Arizona is general contractor.

Eklund Speaks In Salinas Weds.

John M. Eklund, national president of the American Federation of Teachers and member of the Teachers' Commission on Educational Reconstruction, will speak at Hartnell Junior College library hall in Salinas at 8 p.m. Wednesday of this week.

Eklund, noted educator and labor leader, will address a public meeting, arranged by Monterey County Teachers Union 1020.

5,000 POSTAL LOCALS

Washington (LPA)—The AFL National Federation of Post Office Clerks reports it has chartered its 5,000th local.



"ROSE TATTOO"—The new play by Tennessee Williams "The Rose Tattoo" will be seen in San Francisco shortly after a successful prize-winning run on Broadway with the original New York cast. "The Rose Tattoo" plays the Curran Theatre, San Francisco, for three weeks beginning March 17. This is a picture of the author, Tennessee Williams.

GROCCERS HOWL, BUT POSTING DROPS PRICES

Fresno.—Grocers complained, the Wall Street Journal of New York did a long page one story saying it was all nonsense, but the posting of prices in the groceries here has brought prices down from a penny to as much as 14 cents on about 20 commonly used food items.

Fresno is one of three communities in which the Office of Price Stabilization is experimenting with a community food-pricing program whereby stores post ceiling prices on each item.

The large chain and supermarket operators said this was unnecessary, a waste of taxpayers' money, consumers were apathetic, the unions not interested. But prices promptly went down on such staples as lard, shortening, frozen foods, flour, baby foods, canned milk, canned peas and beans, dry peas and beans, canned meat, and salad and cooking oils.

Organized labor has let it be known that locally it is wholeheartedly behind the community food pricing program of the Office of Price Stabilization.

Delegates to the Fresno Labor Council voted unanimously for a resolution endorsing the program after enthusiastic discussion. It also was urged "that such programs be set up in other areas throughout the nation."

A claim in the Wall St. Journal that "unions are unenthusiastic" about the program was branded as "untrue" in the same resolution. It was pointed out that both the council and the Fresno Women's Council (AFL) have cooperated wholeheartedly in setting up this program.

Referring to the effect of the program in tightening up the price control program, the resolution stated, "the American Federation of Labor on the national and local level has continually advocated more rigid price controls so long as wages are controlled."

Let's Change This Score

In Belgium, freed from wartime Nazi totalitarianism, 90 per cent of the eligible populace voted.

In the crucial Italian election 89 per cent voted.

In the past British election which returned Churchill to power 82 per cent voted.

In France, after nearly 4 years of Nazi rule, 85 per cent voted.

In Japan, with its "made in America" democracy, 70 per cent voted.

In the United States, in the Truman-Dewey election of 1948, 51 per cent voted.

Calif. Labor Round-up

(California Labor News Service)

Candidates Speak Up

It's spring fever time for candidates, many of whom get frost-bite in fall. They're announcing all over the state. Labor is giving 'em a fishy eye, recognizing some friends, some phonies.

New Congress districts opened the door to many new aspirants. Bay Area: Rep. Geo. P. Miller will seek return in the 8th Dist., whittled down to the Alameda area. Contra Costa joined with Solano for a new district, and Assemblyman Robt. L. Condon announces he will run in this one. Anti-labor Leroy Johnson, his district now made up of San Joaquin-Stanislaus, will run again. Stockton labor folk last week heard a good labor talk by a Demo aspirant for this district, L. W. Barry. San Mateo new district has as Demo candidate Harold F. Taggart.

Knowland, the senator from Formosa, "announced" he will run. Leading Democrat in the race is the fire-ball, pro-labor Congressman from San Diego, Clinton McKinnon.

Brother, You Register!

Cal. AFL is cracking down hard on its membership. The order: brother, get registered! Every city in the state has a bang-up local LLPE, and the big push to beat the April 10 deadline is now on. State LLPE meets in Frisco April 7-8, to endorse candidates.

Every city, every county is on the job. Los Angeles had Senator Wayne Morse as top speaker at a giant rally, and one million AFL members in that area are "on the march." They are sick and tired of getting kicked around by an anti-labor city council.

Yes, it looks like labor will vote this year.

BUILDING PICKS UP

Spring pick-up and releasing of frozen controls on community building projects have given the building trades workers a brighter outlook in the past week or two. It's been a long, tough winter for them. As controlled materials get loosened, the big backlog of construction will get underway.

AFL tradesmen are calling for a more liberal policy on building materials, are getting results. Dan Flanagan, former west coast AFL director and now deputy administrator in DPA, wrote Santa Cruz Building Trades last week that steel will shortly be available for a sizeable Wrigley gum plant at Santa Cruz.

STUD-GUN, PODNER?

Northern Cal., Oregon are agin the stud gun, say it caused many injuries and fatalities in 1951. Central Cal. is using it, with permits, and after training sessions. This gadget drives nails through concrete, saves much labor and effort but is dangerous. Oregon wants it outlawed, as do a good many Northern Cal. councils, say permits are issued without due regard for safety, training. SF safety conference got an agreement by manufacturers to remove the "guns" from sale to the public and to tighten up on permits.

INCOME TAX LOSSES

Long Beach Laborers 507 said last week their members threw away close to \$50,000 last year despite union efforts to save them the money. The reason: Members failed to keep a record of their jobs, wages, and tax deductions, hence too much tax was withheld from their paychecks.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tri-state Musicians met in Eureka, made music, complained about service bands taking their work at fairs, festivals; got plans ready for national convention in Santa Barbara June 9. . . . Frisco Carmen won a three-day strike over long hours on the costly, impractical cable cars run for the fancy-panties over Snob hill. . . .

Cannery Workers at the conference table on wages for the new season for 90,000 cannery workers. . . .

Teamsters set for "Truck Roadshows": Sacramento, April 5; Stockton, April 19; San Jose, April 27; Contra Costa, May 10; Hanford, May 17; Alameda County, May 24; San Francisco, June 7; Eureka, June 21; semi-finals at Stockton August 2; finals in Fresno August 16. . . .

Cal. Painters convene in Hollywood Apr. 25-27. . . . Workers at S.F. Naval Shipyard, many AFL members, donated more than 31 percent of the blood given in San Francisco during January, 2,450 units out of total 7,887. . . . Two million workers now employed in L.A. area, AFL manpower confab at L.A. Labor Temple was informed. . . . N. Calif. Motion Picture Operators meeting in Modesto heard an offer by French govt. for free sound color movies entitled "France Today," available to all labor organizations through French consul in S.F. Contact your local IATSE union.

THE BIG STEAL

Coast metal trades industry is hot over continued conspiracy between Big Steel and govt. agencies to keep the west restricted in industrial growth. Latest steel is the 5,000-mile towing of two cruisers from the west coast to a private east coast Big Steel shipyard for a \$35,000,000 conversion, another in a long line of steals from the west coast. The shipyard fight symbolizes the west's struggle of decade to get out from under Steel's stranglehold and develop basic industry in keeping with the west's tremendous population growth and its huge contribution to federal tax money.

KOREAFORNIA

State Dept. says "no soap" on the Associated (Banker) Farmers' plan to import South Korean labor to help swell the huge profits on their giant industrialized farms. Labor shouted quick protest. The rich farmers already sneak in many thousands of miserable, exploited wage-busting Mexican wetbacks to do stoop labor. They said the Koreans could learn about democracy. Said Natl. Farm Labor Union: "The Koreans, after a sample of being cheated and exploited on some of the large farms, would return to Korea, not imbued with democracy, but turned into first-class and vociferous ambassadors for Communism." . . . Sen. Humphrey said last week: Give Point Four aid to 2 million exploited American farm workers whose plight is a "disgrace and blot on the social face of America."

Unions Vindicated, Says Leighty of Union Shop Report

Washington (LPA)—The report of a Government emergency board recommending a union shop and dues check-off was hailed Feb. 19 by G. E. Leighty, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and chairman of the Employees' National Conference Committee of 17 cooperating railway labor organizations.

Leighty said the report and recommendation "vindicated the organizations in their basic position that the carriers meet with us nationally and make a union shop and check-off agreement with us along the lines of agreements we have previously negotiated with a considerable number of railroads."

He announced that the chief executives of the cooperating organizations had met Feb. 19 and decided to call on the carriers "to follow customary procedure and meet with us promptly in national conferences to negotiate an agreement within the framework of the Board's recommendation, to dispose of the dispute."

Are you registered?